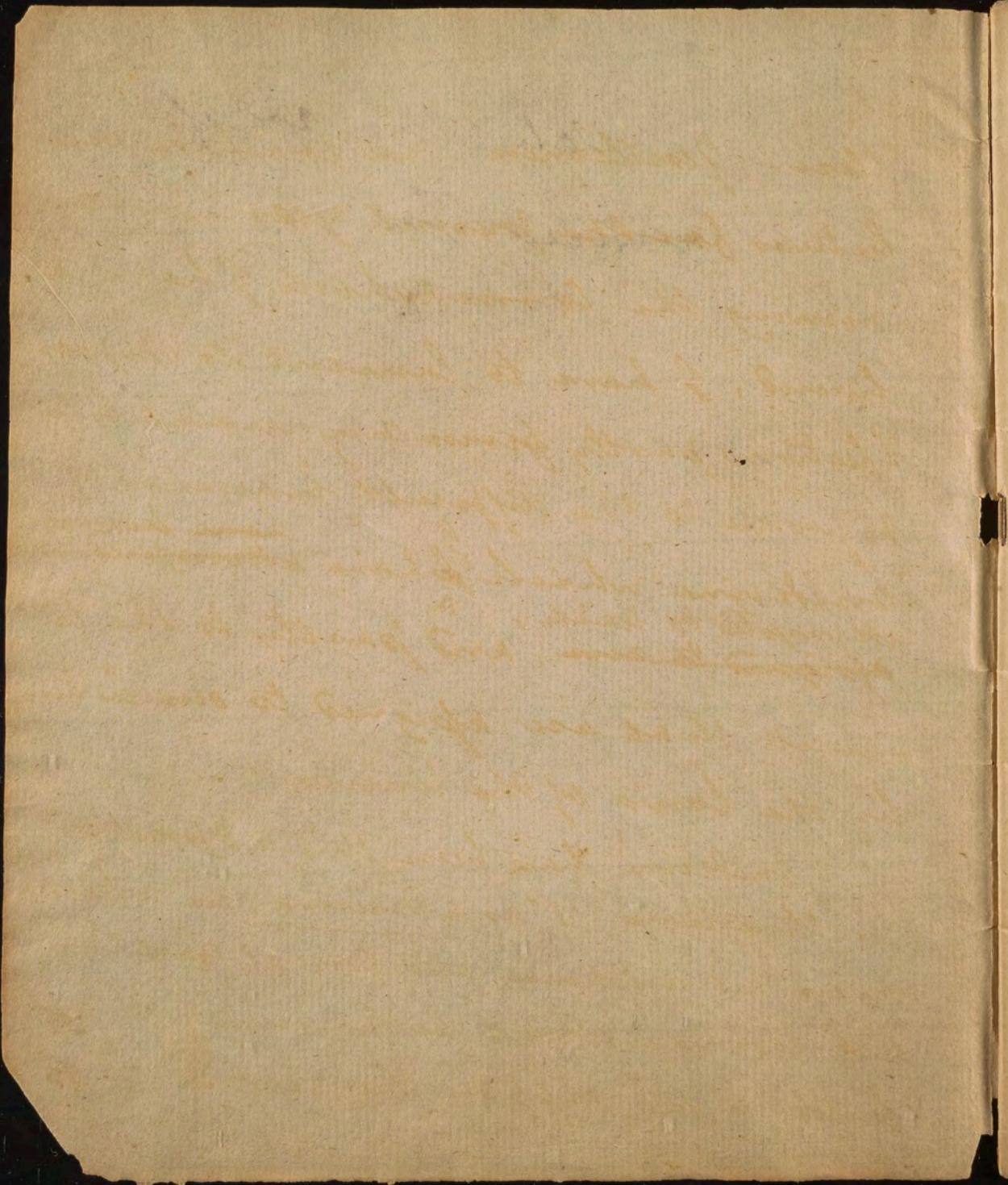


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Gradictory address

Delivered Feb: 24<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Gentlemen - we conclude our  
lectures for the present year. In re-  
viewing the course which I have de-  
livered, I have to lament its imper-  
fections partly from my inability to  
do justice to the different branches of  
medicine which I have ~~attempted to~~ <sup>have been</sup>  
attempted to teach, <sup>1</sup> ~~assigned to me~~, and partly to the li-  
mits that are assigned to our lectures  
by the laws of the University.

Medicine has been studied & practised  
in three ways. 1 as a drama, in which  
men act a solemn and formal part in  
sick rooms without either knowledge or  
skill in the profession they exercise. 2 <sup>by</sup> ~~as~~

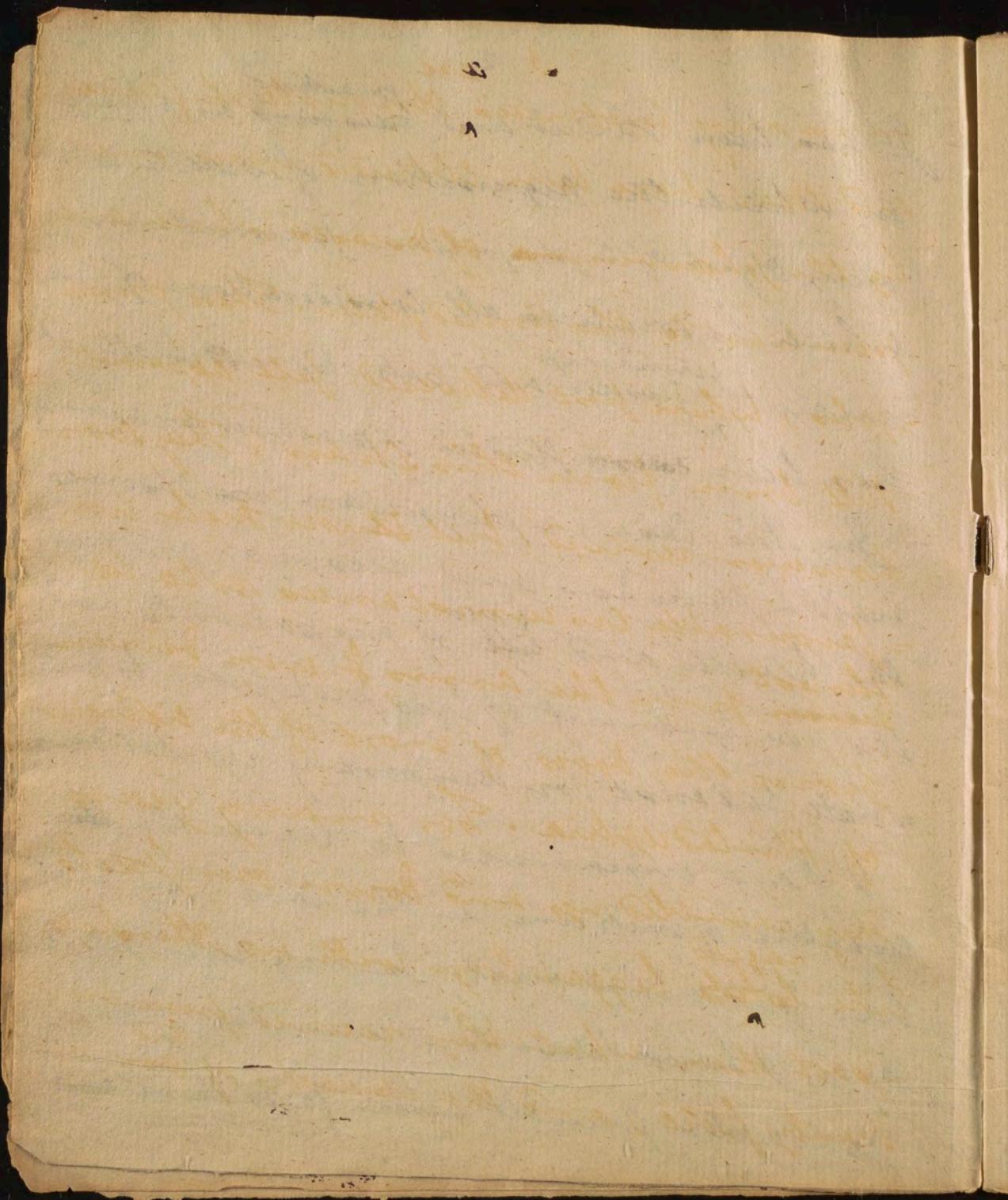
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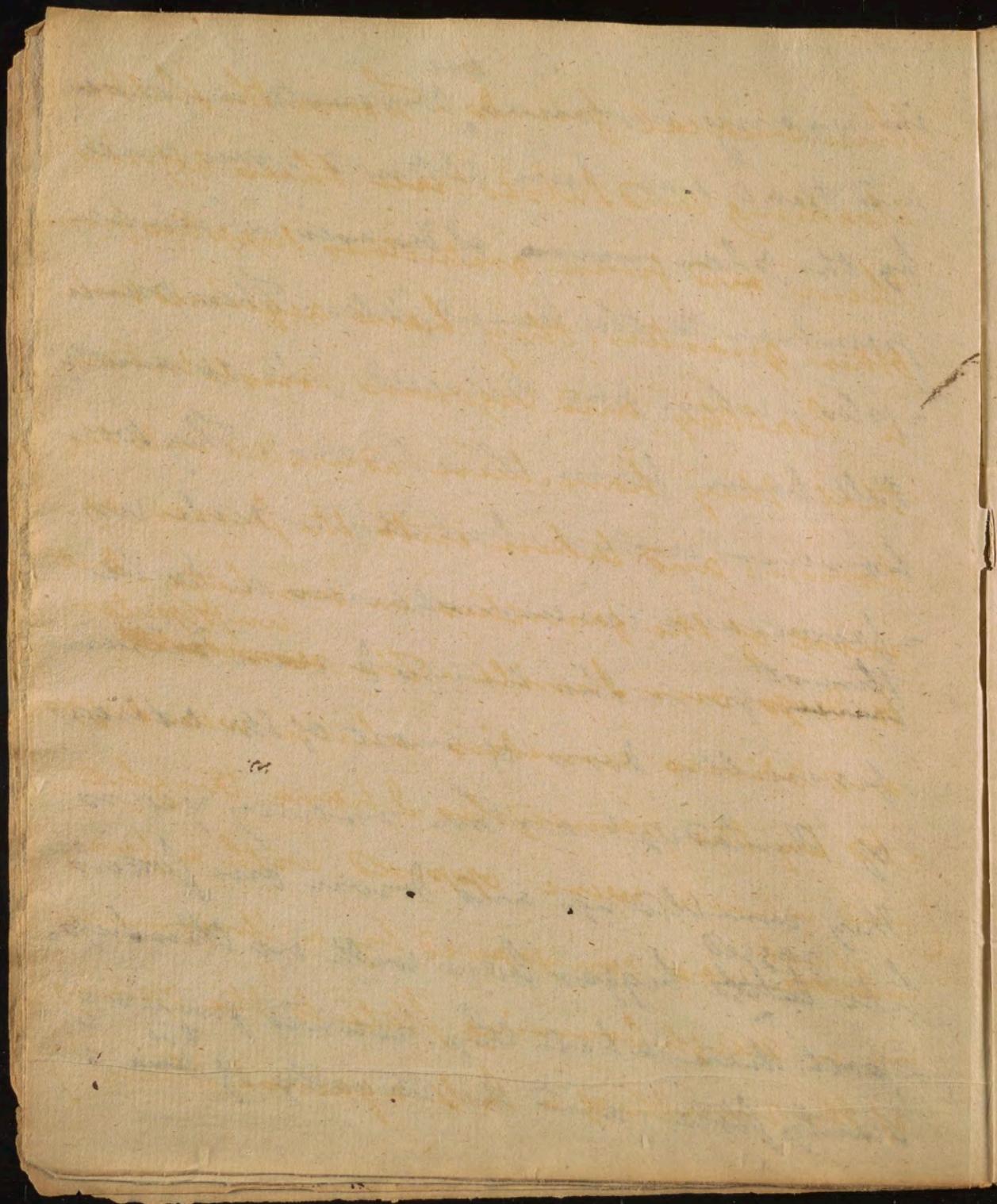
2<sup>b</sup>: It has been studied and ~~practised~~ as a trade in which the acquisition of wealth is the only object of a physician's pursuit, and to which he sacrifices all considerations of humanity, <sup>friendship</sup>, justice and patriotism. Lastly it has been ~~also~~ studied & practised as a science.

— In this case, a physician ~~can~~ observes, reads - thinks - and reasons, and prefers the health and <sup>lives</sup> of his patients and the advancement of his profession to private interest, or temporary reputation.

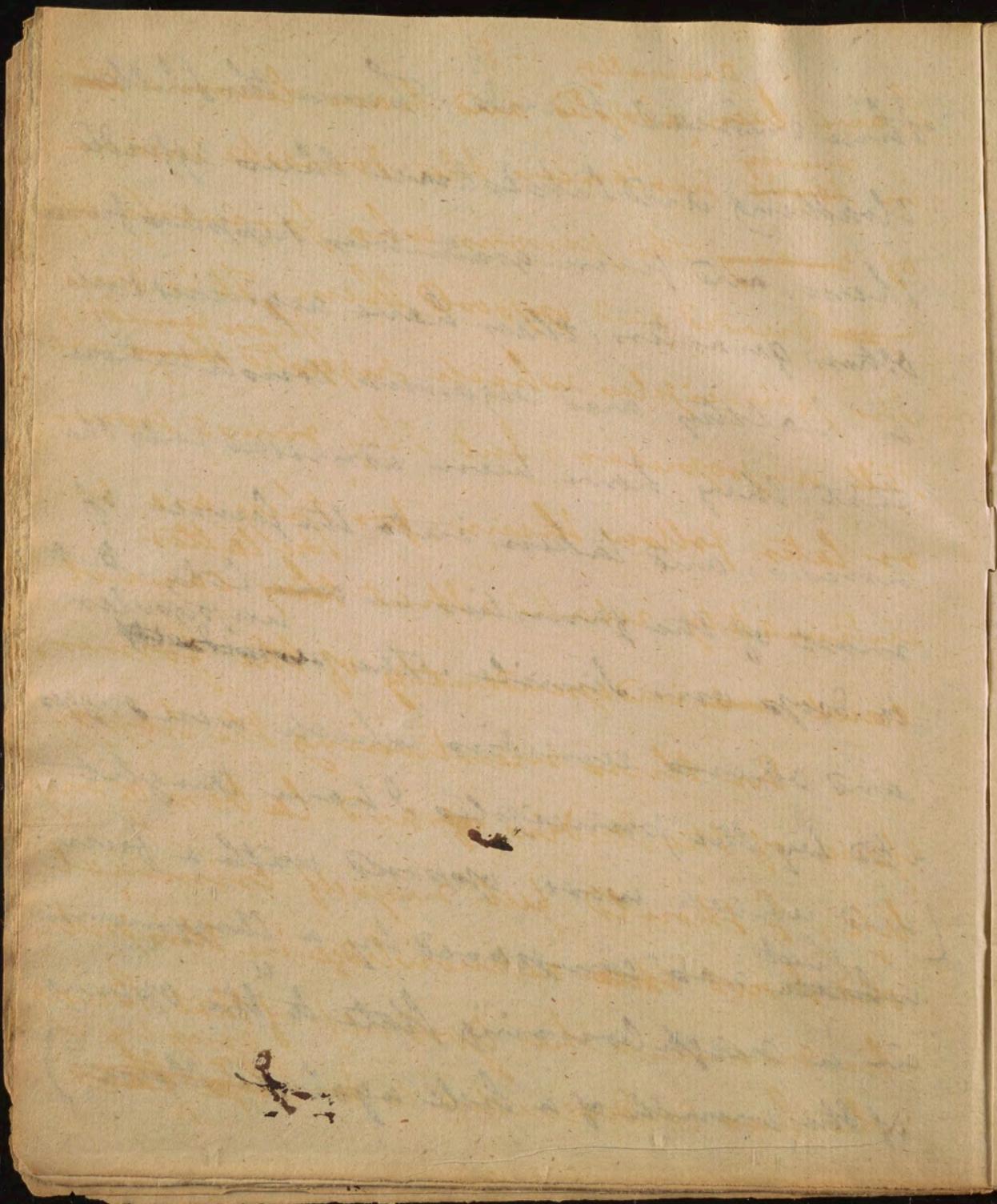
— I have endeavoured to teach the ~~the~~ practice of medicine in the last way that has been mentioned. In my attempts to do so, I have delivered a number of new principles founded upon facts that at ~~one~~



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in many instances obvious to the friends,  
and that have been obtained upon me  
by the phenomena of diseases which are  
peculiar to the United States. These prin-  
-ciples, when first delivered, fell apparently  
stillborn from this Chair. They soon  
however revived, but under much un-  
-favourable circumstances as to be  
thrust  
driven from the arms, & even driven  
from the doors of most of the citizens  
of Philadelphia. For many years  
they rambled up and down our streets  
like ~~little~~<sup>ragged</sup> beggar boys with no other sup-  
-port than what they received from my  
scanty store, and the charity of <sup>two</sup> ~~one~~ or



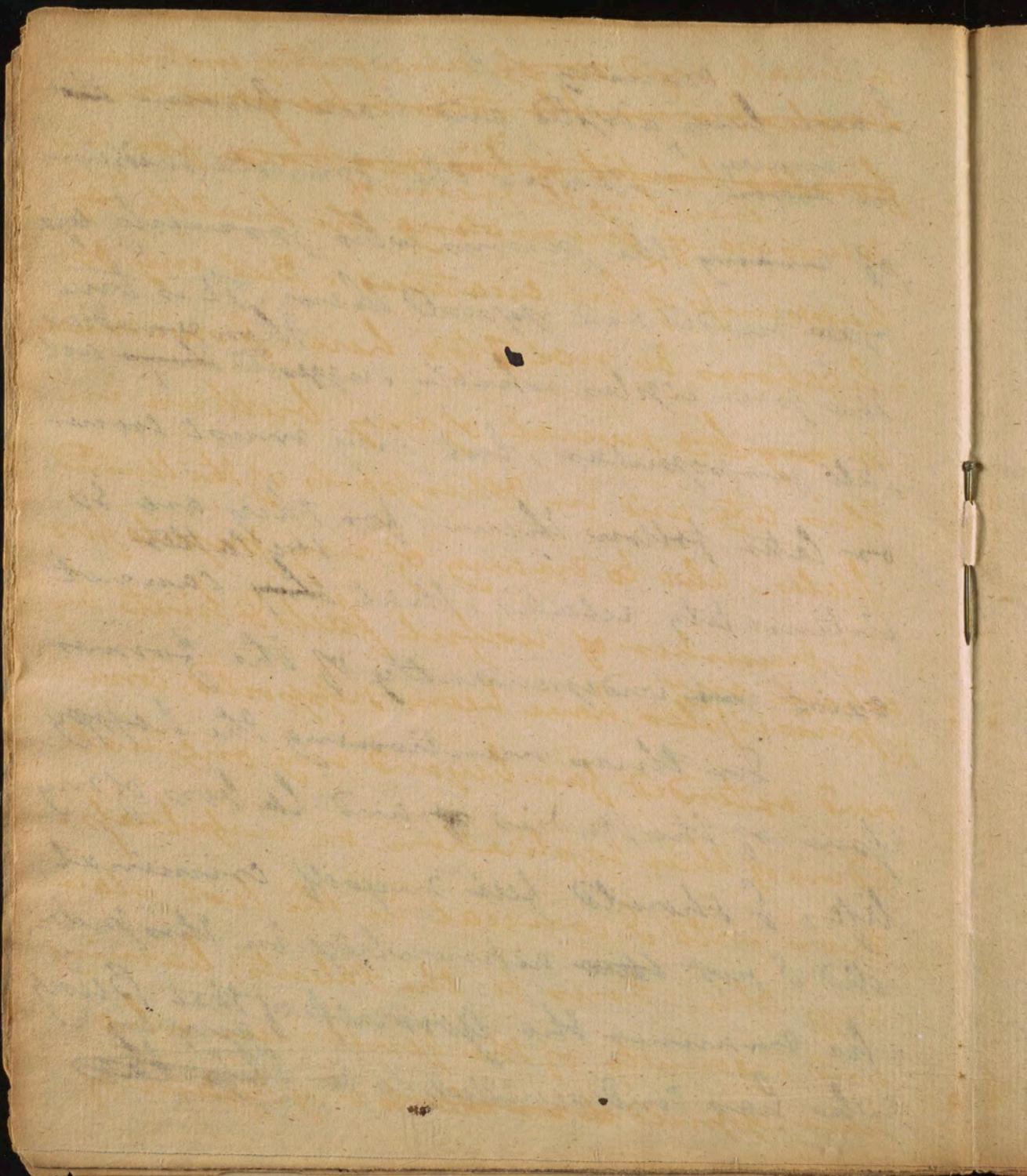
thru emrical friends. From the shelter,  
cloathing and substance thus afforded  
them, and from gratuitous supplies from  
other quarters, they have acquired such  
a healthy and vigorous constitution,  
that they have been admitted into the  
hospitals, and taken into the service of  
most of the families in our city. But  
to drop our simile. The ~~unpopuler~~  
and odious remedies which were sugges-  
-ted by the principles I have taught,  
(and which were opposed with a fury  
<sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ was compared by a Clergyman  
in a neighbouring State to the opening  
of the mouth of a hell against them")



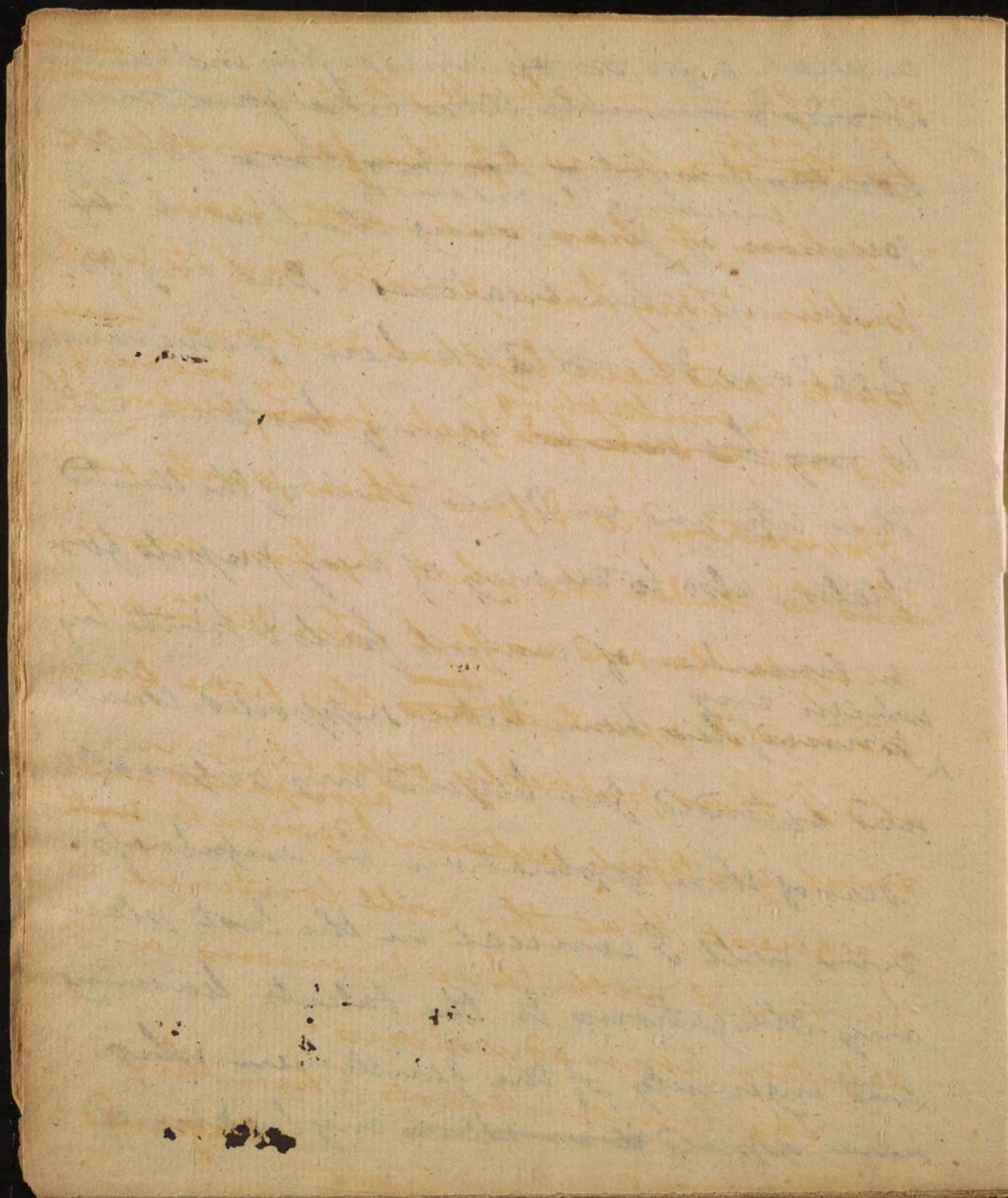
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generally have been adopted, and have become ~~the~~  
in many instances the domestic medicines  
of many the persons who formerly ~~op-~~  
~~posed~~ dreaded and opposed them. It is true  
the principles which suggested <sup>those remedies</sup> ~~those~~ are  
still unpopular, but they must sooner  
or later follow them, for they are so  
intimately related, that ~~they~~ <sup>the latter</sup> cannot  
exist ~~in~~ independantly of the former.

In thus mentioning the happy  
issue of the studies ~~of~~ and labors of my  
life, I should put myself criminal,  
did I not ~~thus~~ acknowledge in this pre-  
-face <sup>employ</sup> the goodness of that Being  
who has condescended to ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~life~~

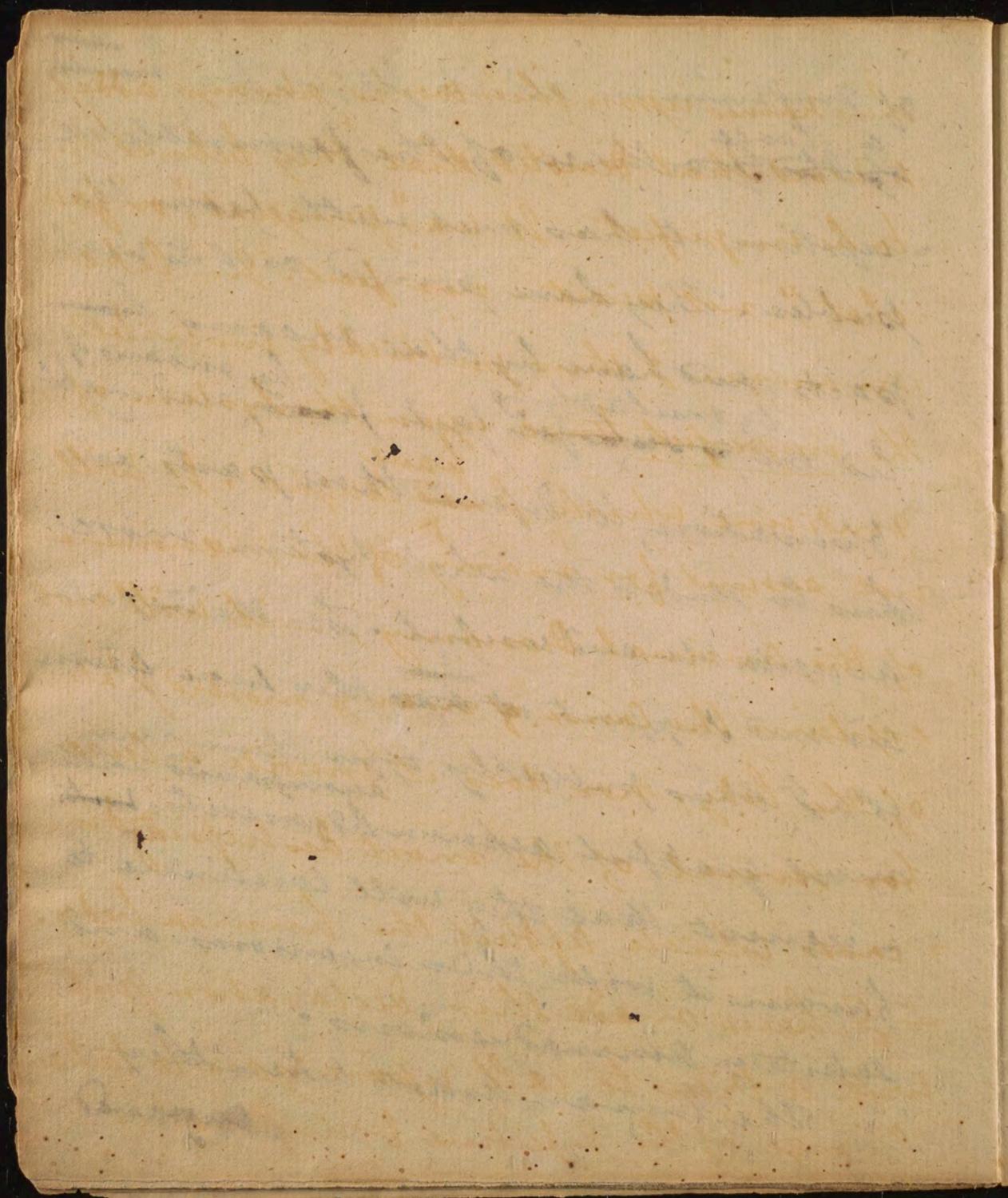


a weak aged & unworthy instrument  
~~is ought to be made to be good & use~~  
~~for the benefit of his creatures,~~  
~~increasing the means of~~  
~~promoting the health and~~  
happiness of his creatures. But my ob-  
ligations do not stop here. I owe much  
to ~~many~~ several of my brethren in  
this city and in other parts of the United  
States, also to many of my pupils for  
a number of useful facts & hints by  
which my  
principles have been supported, consulted  
and extended far beyond my original  
ideas of their application or usefulness.  
Nor will I conceal in the last place  
my obligations to the talents, learning  
and ingenuity of the Gentlemen who  
have opposed ~~it in all its~~ my system of



of medicine in all its stages, for ~~a large~~ <sup>a large</sup>  
~~of the~~ <sup>much</sup> ~~good~~ share of the favourable re-  
ception it has met with from the  
public. They have pointed out its weak  
parts, and have by that means <sup>done</sup>  
by multiplying <sup>led me, to see</sup> facts, ~~for~~ <sup>by means of</sup> reading &  
observation, to defend those parts, and  
thus to render the whole system more  
acceptable and useful. For the important  
aid and support it <sup>has</sup> ~~has~~ they have given  
it, I thus publickly offer them my  
most grateful acknowledgments, with  
a request that they will continue to  
favour it with their ingenuities, and  
sacrifice admissions.

The Roman Artists whom they  
engraved



thus names upon their works, always added  
a word that denoted that they believed them  
to be imperfect. It was "prægbat," or "fa-  
-ebat," not <sup>per</sup>icit - nor fecit. In like  
manner I thus publicly inscribed  
the imperfect tense upon the system of  
medicine which I <sup>have</sup> taught. It will  
not account for many of the phenomena  
of the Animal Economy, — it will not  
explain the cause of many morbid states  
of the body, nor does it provide a cure  
for several of the most distressing dis-  
-eases which afflict the human body.  
— I have made this declaration <sup>out</sup>  
with a view to call upon you to take  
charge of the defective & unfinished

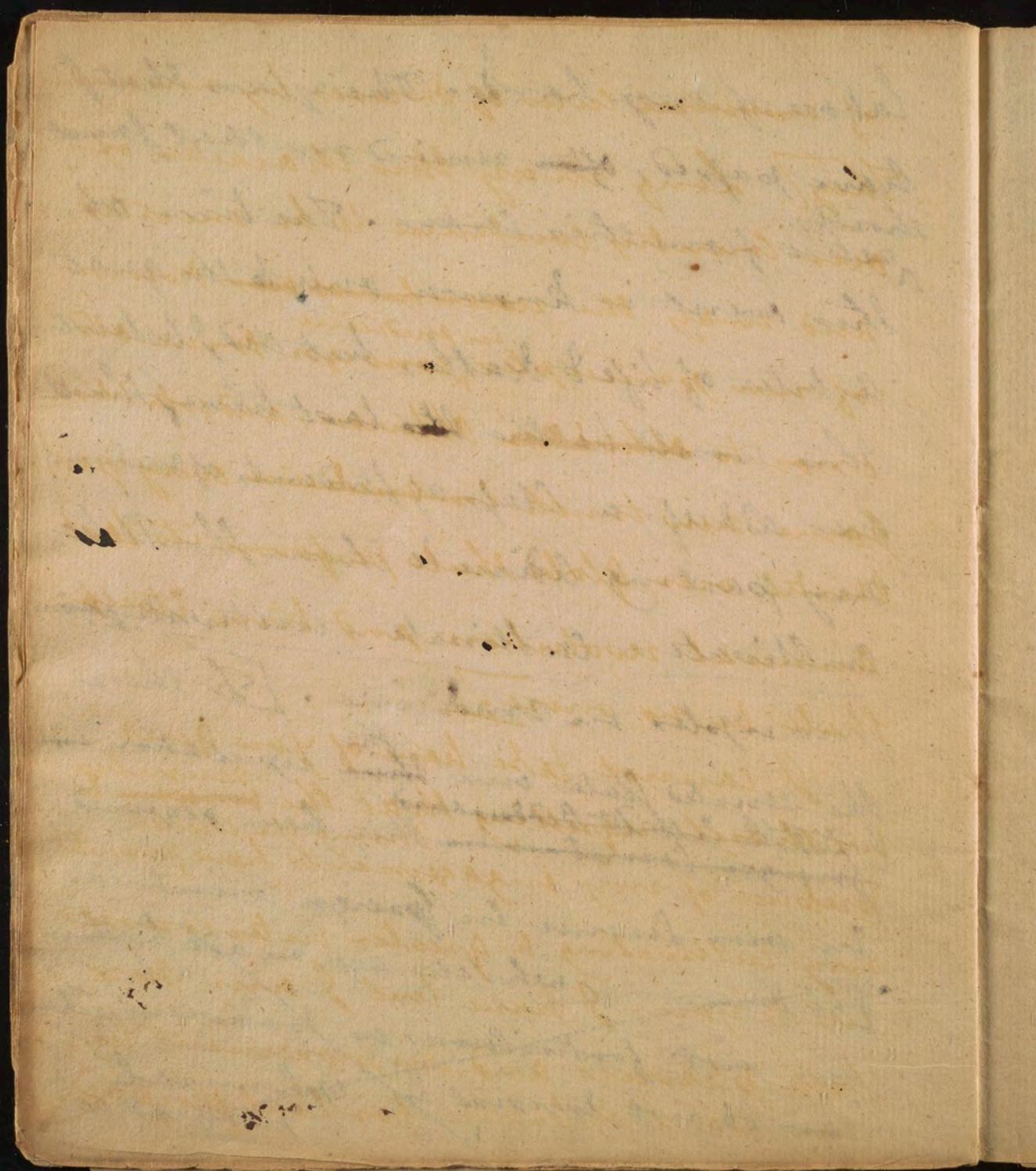


labor of my hands. The years that I  
have passed, often remind me that I must  
shortly retire from this chair. The time of  
this event is known only to the great  
arbiter of life & death, but did I believe  
this would be the ~~the~~ last time I should  
ever address a class of students of medicine,  
my parting advice to them should be,

Cultivate - Cultivate - Cultivate  
principles in medicine. To these,

~~(See the last Dr. Boddam said  
foreign countries in which they have acquired  
the United States one this reputation in~~

in our Science in foreign countries.  
The discoveries which are made by them  
are not fortuitous, or transient. They  
do not consist in ~~opherival~~  
publications



of suggested cures of diseases by new remedies.  
They long may this character of  
our country continue to be merited,  
and may the ~~recollection~~<sup>10</sup> of our discovery  
of new principles <sup>in medicine</sup> consign those old  
errors to ~~oblivion~~ Oblivion, and establish  
some new truths in ~~medicine~~ every year,  
until our Globe shall perform its last  
annual revolution and time itself  
shall be no more.

I cannot take leave of you Gent<sup>m</sup>  
without regretting that the ~~number~~  
pressure of my engagements <sup>during the winter</sup> have prevented  
my cultivating a greater intercourse  
with you. I have lost I am sure  
both pleasure and improvement by  
my want of leisure for that purpose.

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Accept of my thanks for the patient  
and regular ~~for~~<sup>n</sup> attention and promptitude with  
which you have been pleased to honour  
these lectures, and of my most af-  
fectionate wishes for your ~~continued~~  
happiness in your profession, and  
for your personal happiness.

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